

REMARKS

Reconsideration of the present application is requested.

Applicant affirms the election of the Group I invention defined by claims 1-8.

The objection to the declaration as being unsigned is not understood.

Attached is a copy of the declaration filed on November 7, 2000 showing the signatures of both co-inventors.

Claims 1-8 stand rejected as obvious over Money who discloses a sandwich wrap constructed by folding and gluing together sections of a sheet to pre-form a pocket 19 suitable for receiving an item such as a sandwich. Thus, two forms of sandwich wraps are shown in Figs. 2 and 5, respectively, and an apparatus for forming sheet material 25 into the sandwich wrap of Figs. 2 and 5 is shown in Fig. 8. Fig. 13 shows the steps involved in unfolding the sandwich wrap, placing a sandwich therein, and then folding the wrap over the sandwich.

It is disclosed by Money that the forming of a sheet into a sandwich wrap can be accomplished using heat sealable adhesive. However, that heat sealable adhesive will not be exposed once the wrap has been formed. That is, the heat sealable substance will not be used to seal the wrap around the sandwich. In the Fig. 2 embodiment, the wrap contains no exposed adhesive; the wrap is to be held in a wrapped state around a sandwich by a separately applied adhesive tab. In the Fig. 5 embodiment, the wrap has areas 21 of contact adhesive exposed to enable the wrap to be held in a wrapped state around a package. However, the use of contact adhesive for that purpose is contrary to the present invention which relies on a heat sealable substance, so that portions of the heat sealable substance that do not become heated will enable the wrap to be easily unfolded by a consumer. Such a feature is ideally suited for eating establishments which prepare hot sandwiches or employ heated plates on which to keep a sandwich hot prior to be received by the consumer.

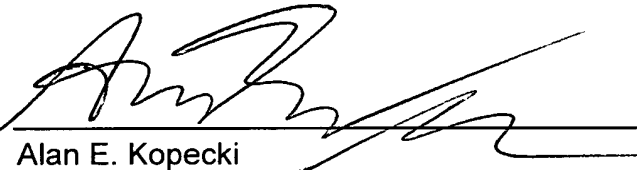
Money discloses in column 4, lines 1-10 to form the sheet 25 of heat-sealable material to facilitate the fabrication of the sheet into a sandwich wrap. It would not be desirable to directly contact a hot sandwich (or possibly any food item) with a

heat sealable substance for obvious reasons, so such a wrap would have restricted utility. In contrast, the presently claimed wrap is formed of a sheet that is coated on a side thereof with a heat sealable substance. Accordingly, even if an entire side of the sheet is coated with the heat sealable substance, a hot sandwich can be placed on the non-coated side of the sheet to avoid direct contact with the heat sealable substance. The wrap would then be wrapped such that the coated side does not contact the sandwiched, as explained at page 4, last paragraph of the application.

Accordingly, it is submitted that claim 1 and all claims dependent therefrom, distinguish patentably over Money, and allowance of the application is respectfully solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

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1. (Amended) A sandwich wrap comprising a sheet of flexible material having a heat sealable substance coated on ~~at least a portion of a side thereof, the~~ heat sealable substance being exposed wherein the heat sealable substance can be brought into sealing engagement with another portion of the wrap upon being wrapped around a sandwich.

5. (Amended) The sandwich wrap according to claim 1 wherein the heat sealable substance is coated along at least one edge of the side of the sheet and is disposed outwardly of an uncoated portion of the side which defines a sandwich-receiving region.